



Request for City Council Committee Action from the Department of Public Works

Date: August 5, 2014

To: Honorable Kevin Reich, Chair Transportation & Public Works Committee

Subject: Minneapolis Bike Coalition Nicollet Avenue Open Streets

Recommendation:

Approve large block event to operate outside of City of Minneapolis Ordinance language, Title 17, Chapter 45.

Previous Directives:

March 10, 2006 Passage of Ordinance amending Title 17, Chapter 455 of Code relating to Streets and Sidewalks: Block Events, establishing a new "large block event" category, extending the hours allowed for block events, and clarifying amplified sound permit requirements for residential block events.

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Permanent Review Committee (PRC)

X _____

Policy review Group (PRG)

X _____

Approval _____ Not applicable

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Financial Impact

There is no financial impact.

Community Impact

Neighborhood Notification: Applicant must adhere to all conditions of Title 17, Chapter 455 of the Minneapolis Code of Ordinances relating to Streets and Sidewalks: Block Events

City Goals: Great Places: Natural and built spaces work together and our environment is protected

Comprehensive Plan: Not Applicable

Zoning Code: Not Applicable

Background/Supporting Information

The Minneapolis Bicycle Coalition "Nicollet Avenue Open Streets" has requested the closure of Nicollet Avenue South from Lake Street South to 46th Street on Sunday September 14, 2014 from 11am to 6pm. This block event coincides with the previously approved "Mexican Independence Day" block event on Sunday September 14, 2014 from 10:30am to 10:30pm.

- (g)** The block event would conflict with a prior scheduled event within four (4) blocks so as to substantially interrupt the safe and orderly movement of traffic.

Because of item (g) of City of Minneapolis Ordinance 455.30 the Open Streets event needs City Council approval to take place in its proposed location. Public Works seeks approval for the Open Streets event because this event is within four blocks of the Mexican Independence Day block event. (See attached map)

Therefore, Public Works agrees with allowing the closure of Nicollet Avenue South during this time as long as the following conditions are met:

1. Cross street traffic is allowed to flow at 31st Street, 35th Street, 36th Street, 38th Street, and 42nd Street crossings of Nicollet Avenue.
2. The 3000 block of Nicollet Avenue provides access to a shopping mall on the east of Nicollet Ave that has its primary access to and from Nicollet Avenue. Therefore, the applicant shall obtain written permission from the shopping mall owners/operators to fully close the street. If permission for full closure is not obtained then the Open Streets event shall provide property access, but may close a portion of the street in a manner that is acceptable to Public Works.
3. The applicant would be required to have all the proper permits needed in order to hold the event.
4. The Bicycle Coalition will be responsible for obtaining the proper signage needed for lane and sidewalk closures. Minneapolis Traffic Control and Minneapolis Police must be present for traffic control during the event.

Attachment: Map showing the proximity of the two events

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